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The Honorable Ryan Zinke Secretary U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

Congratulations on your well-deserved confirmation as Secretary of the Interior. Your Western roots and distinguished public service as both a Navy SEAL and a member of the House of Representatives will serve our nation well at an especially important time.

Throughout the confirmation process, you stressed the importance of preserving our natural resources, and doing so under a multiple use approach. The Chamber and our members appreciate your commitment to balancing the stewardship of our natural resources with the development and use of those resources. We are also encouraged by your willingness to work with a variety of stakeholders on issues such as energy development and production, federal leasing rights and royalties, and endangered species. As the voice of the business community, we stand ready to work with you and your team on these critical issues.

I hope that we will be able to find a time to get together in the near future. Please call whenever the Chamber or I can be helpful.

Best wishes. /

Sincerely,